**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA** 

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

In the Matter of Roland Hofmeister, DVM License No. 03372

ORDER FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

The Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine ("Board") is authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes chapter 156, and sections 214.10 and 214.103 (2014) to license, regulate, and discipline persons who apply for, petition, or hold licenses to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Minnesota, and to take disciplinary action where appropriate. The Board is further authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 214.077 to temporarily suspend a license to practice veterinary medicine, if the Board has probable cause to believe continued practice by the veterinarian presents an imminent risk of harm.

- 1. The Board has received credible information that Roland Hofmeister, DVM ("Respondent"), has provided care that fell below the minimum standards of practice when he engaged in the following: 1) Failed to completely close an incision in a cat's abdominal wall; 2) Left an uncovered drain into the cat's abdominal cavity; 3) Failed to provide post-operative pain medication to the cat; and 4) Provided veterinary services in a clinic that is visibly dirty, cluttered, has a strong stench of urine, and is in a state of disrepair.
- 2. After a preliminary inquiry, the Board finds there is probable cause that Respondent has violated Minn. Stat. § 156.081, subd. 2(10), (11) and (12) and Minn. R. 9100.0200, subps. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8; 9100.0700, subps. 1(A), (B), (C), and (H); and 9100.0800, subps. 1, 3, and 4, and that Respondent's continued practice would present an imminent risk of harm.

 Based on the above facts; the Board finds that a temporary suspension of Respondent's license is warranted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 214.077.

Accordingly, the Board issues the following:

## ORDER

1. Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Minnesota is TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 214.077. During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not in any manner practice veterinary medicine in the State of Minnesota.

- The temporary suspension of Respondent's license shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until the Board issues a final order in this matter.
- 3. A contested case hearing will be scheduled with the Office of Administrative hearings in this matter, pursuant to the Minnesota Administrative Procedure Act, located at Minnesota Statutes Chapter 14. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the Committee shall provide Respondent with at least 10 days' notice of the hearing and the hearing shall be scheduled to begin no later than 30 days after the issuance of this Order.

Dated: June 8, 2016.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Executive Director